

Pima County Local Drought Impact Group
(Drought Monitoring Committee)

Wednesday, May 7, 2008
2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
PAG Conference Room
177 North Church, 5th Floor

Attendance:	Kathy Chavez	RWRD	Lilian von Rago	RWRD
	Chris Smith	USGS	Karn Boyce	Town of Oro Valley
	Val Little	WaterCASA	Susan Craig	ADWR
	Anne Thwatts	U of A	Mike Crimmins	U of A
	Bill Petroutson	PCDEQ	Matt Nelson	ADWR
	Tom Evans	NWS	Kristen Egen	USDA-NRCS
	Dan Hartley	TON	Alena Kiribrough	U of A
	Dan Ferguson	UA/CLIMAS	Mead Meier	PAG

1. Introductions
2. Review of March 12, 2008 meeting
3. ADWR
 - The Governor's Declaration will be to stay at the current drought level
 - Reviewed the Drought Monitoring Reports
 - Reviewed the April Interagency Meeting
4. Drought Declaration
 - Although the winter rains were generous, rainfall was still below average and there are no indications the drought has subsided
 - Tucson Water will send their annual drought report to Mayor and Council and will recommend staying at drought level one. Oro Valley declared a drought level one in October, 2007 and plans to maintain that level. WaterCASA concurs that the current drought level should be maintained and it would be desirable to have public awareness of the ongoing drought, particularly from Pima County since it is the lead Local Drought Impact Group.
5. DIRS Demonstration
 - On-line demonstration of drought impact reporting system.
 - Still getting feedback and website still in draft
 - Participants would subscribe to a location and input observations
 - Six categories: livestock, agricultural, society, water resources, tourism, ecology
 - Summary report should show number of surveys
 - Should include more spatial information, such as location of survey, category
 - Yavapai County is ready to start entering data; would like Pima County to be next
 - Could have other applications for recreations purposes (fishing, camping, etc)
6. Round Table
7. Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 2:30 p.m., Joel Valdes Library, Lower Level
8. Adjournment